REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING NIOBIUM AND TANTALUM COMPOUNDS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2003

Sir:

For:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making a response due on or before August 5, 2003.